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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 0513

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, PDEV, NI

SUBJECT: KADUNA RUMOR MILL ABUZZ

1. KADUNA-BASED IBO BUSINESSMAN INFORMED CONSULATE OFFICER TODAY THAT RUMOR IS RIFE THROUGHOUT KADUNA THAT CHIEF OF STAFF-SUPREME MILITARY HEADQUARTERS YAR'ADUA UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR ALLEGED SMUGGLING (OR PLANS TO SMUGGLE) WEAPONS INTO COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, FORMER HEAD OF STATE GOWON LEARNED OF YAR'ADUA ACTIVITIES AND PERSONALLY PROVIDED DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA IN LONDON WHO TOOK MATTER TO SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL WHERE YAR'ADUA WAS CONFRONTED WITH EVIDENCE OF HIS PLOT. ALSO ALLEGEDLY UNDER ARREST IN CONNECTION ARMS SMUGGLING IS IYA ABUBAKAR, VICE CHANCELLOR AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY AND CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEMBER. THIS STORY, OR VARIANTS THEREOF, HAS BEEN HEARD BY TWO CONSULATE FSLES.

2. SAME SOURCE CLAIMS THAT A LARGER NUMBER OF ABU STUDENTS THAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED WERE KILLED IN LAST WEEK'S DISORDERS. AMCIT ABU LECTURER TOLD USIS TODAY THAT NUMBER KILLED HAD RISEN TO 17 AND THAT BODIES STILL BEING FOUND. CONSULATE FSLE WAS TOLD THIS AFTERNOON BY ABU STUDENT THAT  
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A NUMBER OF BODIES OF STUDENTS, SOME SHOT IN THE BACK, WERE FOUND IN THEIR ROOMS TODAY.

3. IBO SOURCE CITED PARA ONE ABOVE CLAIMS THAT THERE STILL CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG NON-MOSLEM SOUTHERNERS HERE OVER SHARIA AND MANY TALKING OF PACKING OUT TO GO HOME.

4. COMMENT: WHEN DEPUTY DESK OFFICER WEINLAND AND I CALLED ON KADUNA SMG, COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND CHAIRMAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL THIS MORNING THERE WERE NO HINTS OF ANY OF THIS. SMG DID COMMENT THAT RUMORS ABOUT ABU DISORDERS WERE PREVALENT AND FREQUENTLY ERRONEOUS. HAVE NO WAY TO JUDGE WHETHER THERE ANY TRUTH TO THESE STORIES OR WHETHER THEY ARE SIMPLY PRODUCTS OF IMAGINATIONS FEVERED BY EVENTS OF LAST WEEK.  
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